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REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 16, 2002.

Enclosed herewith is a new set of formal drawings. Figs. 7-12 have been marked as prior art, as required.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Maeda et al. in view of Konishi et al. Claim 1 has been amended to recite "said ends of said inductor being offset from each other in a direction substantially parallel to said magnetic member . . ." This feature is disclosed at page 12, lines 14-15 and in Fig. 2A. This feature increases the stability of the inductor with respect to the port section P1 and the input/output terminal 71 when soldering, and thereby improves productivity. See page 12, lines 15-17.

Also submitted is a new claim 5 which depends from claim 1 and recites that "said inductor is disposed with an axis of said inductor substantially adjacent to a central plane of the magnetic member." This feature is disclosed at page 12, lines 17-20 and in Fig. 2B.

Neither of these features is remotely disclosed or suggested by the prior art of record. Therefore, allowance of claims 1-5 is requested.

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APPENDIX B
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

CLAIMS:

AMENDED 1. A nonreciprocal circuit device comprising:

a plurality of central conductors overlappingly intersecting with each other and disposed on a magnetic member for receiving a DC magnetic field, [wherein] and a solenoid-shaped inductor [is] connected [between] at its ends to at least one port section of said central conductors and to a signal input/output terminal, respectively, said ends of said inductor being offset from each other in a direction substantially parallel to said magnetic member, and said inductor [is] being disposed so that the direction of the magnetic flux generated by said inductor and passing through said magnetic member is substantially perpendicular to the direction of said DC magnetic field.